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SUBJECT: SENHOR MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER ON MIDDLE EAST

1. SUMMARY: IN PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER, SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENHOR URGES US AND SOVIET UNION TO BRING STRONG PRESSURE ON ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS TO NEGOTIATE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. BASED ON HIS RECENT CONTACTS WITH RABIN AND PLO, SENHOR HAS CONCLUDED THAT BOTH SIDES ARE READY FOR TALKS. HE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE SOLUTION LIES IN CREATION OF PALESTINIAN STATE INITIALLY CONFEDERATED AND ULTIMATELY FEDERATED WITH ISRAEL. SENHOR EXPRESSES READINESS TO FLY TO WASHINGTON ON SHORT NOTICE AT ANY TIME IF THAT WERE USEFUL. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT SENHOR CONTACTED ME AT 9:00 A.M. DECEMBER 31 TO SIGNAL WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT TOWARD CONCILIATION BETWEEN PLO AND ISRAELIS AND HANDED ME LETTER FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER ON SUBJECT.

3. SENHOR SAID THAT FOLLOWING HIS MEETINGS IN LATE NOVEMBER WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN GENEVA (DAKAR 7796 AND 8343), RABIN HAD GIVEN HIM HANDWRITTEN LETTER WHICH  
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WAS FAVORABLE P IDEA SENHOR HAD LONG ESPOUSED OF PALESTINIAN STATE WHICH MIGHT EVENTUALLY CONFEDERATE WITH ISRAEL. IN MEETINGS WITH DAKAR PLO REPRESENTATIVE, SENHOR SAID, HE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE EFFECTS WITH  
  
RABIN TOWARD ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT. SENHOR WAS QUITE

ENCOURAGED AND FELT THAT USG SHOULD STRONGLY URGE  
ISRAELIS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT POSITIVE ATTITUDE  
OF PLO.

4. LETTER RECALLS SENGHOR'S LEADERSHIP OF 1971 OAU MISSION  
TO MIDDLE EAST, DESCRIBES HIS SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH  
EGYPT, ISRAEL AND PLO, AND EXPRESSES VIEW THAT "CONDITIONS  
ARE MET TO ARRIVE AT A LASTING SETTLEMENT" OF ISRAELI-ARAB  
PROBLEM IN GENERAL AND PALESTINIAN QUESTION IN PARTICULAR.  
SENGHOR HYPOTHESIZES THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN STATE  
WITH ARAB MAJORITY IN TRANSJORDAN AND GAZA WITH INITIAL  
CONFEDERAL LINKS AND ULTIMATE FEDERAL TIES TO ISRAEL COULD  
BE MEANS TO BRIDGE APPARENTLY IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES.  
LETTER ATTACHES PHOTOCOPIES OF MESSAGES FROM YASSER ARAFAT  
TO DEMONSTRATE THAT PLO PLACES CONFIDENCE IN GOS IN FULL  
KNOWLEDGE OF LATTER'S LONGTIME THESIS OF CONFEDERATION/  
FEDERATION. SENGHORCONCLUDES THA PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST DEPENDS ON  
USA AND USSR, AND CALLS ON AMERICAN PRESIDENT AND SOVIET  
LEADER BREZHNEV TO BRING STRONG PRESSURE ON ISRAELIS AND  
PALESTINIANS WHO, SENGHOR STATES, ARE READY FOR TALKS.  
FOR HIS PART, SENGHOR EXPRESSES READINESS TO FLY TO WASHINGTON  
AT ANY TIME ON TEN DAYS' NOTICE. FRENCH ORIGINAL AND INFORMAL  
EMBASSY TRANSLATION BEING SENT SEPTELS.

5. SENGHOR NOTED THAT HE EARLIER HAD ASKED SENEGALESE  
AMBASSADOR TO US COULBARY TO DELIVER LETTER FOR PRESIDENT-  
ELECT TO ONE OF GOVERNOR CARTER'S COUNSELLORS. THAT LETTER  
DEALT WITH GENERAL AFRICAN POLICY.  
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